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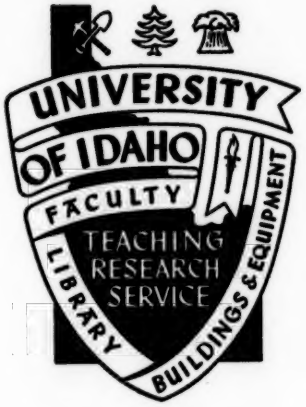

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COOPERATION OR SUFFOCATION

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...Growth in size of college and university libraries has very little reference to the function the library is supposed to perform. Many of us have learned in the last generation that some books are great books. We need to learn also that some books are dead books. Thus libraries resemble cemeteries in the fact that much of what they contain is good for nothing except to enrich the soil. If fifty per cent of what college and university libraries contain was spread on the fields, it would enrich education as well as the soil.

The college library grows through all sorts of strange procedures. It grows through the purchase of duplicates for instructional purposes, and these duplicates are often retained after the instructional purpose has been served. It grows through the bequests of alumni or retired members of the faculty whose devotion to the institution surpasses their bibliographical skill. Most of our

libraries are loaded down, for example, with volumes of sermons which are included because the author belonged to the church which founded the institution. Or if our ancestry is civil instead of ecclesiastical, our shelves are stuffed with political orations made by the servants of our own states, to say nothing of the collection of "reports."

Much worse is the havoc wrought when libraries pursue special collections for prestige purposes. These collections are enshrined in a fine room, often as seldom entered as the de luxe mausoleum in the cemetery. Sometimes the cause of education is more seriously injured by the use of their contents than by their neglect. The meaningless and mediocre works of a local or regional author are glorified as a special collection, appropriately housed in a magnificent room.

But much worse than the librarians, worse even than presidents, is the faculty in its influence on the growth of the library. In most institutions today the professor considers the development of the library solely in terms of his individual needs. Neither he nor his colleagues plan the future of the library in terms of the institution's needs. At the best he will see that the library is equipped for study in his own field; at the worst he orders enormous sets of duplicates which are in effect library textbooks and which as such may have some instructional justification, then changes the orders each year - unless he himself has written a textbook in that particular field. He clamors for the library to build up a collection to suit his personal needs and then carries it off a book at a time to his own office. He favors decentralized libraries, while the sciences and the various fields of scholarship today become more and more intimately interrelated. I sympathize with the professor's motives, but I cannot describe his habits as cooperative.

But much more dangerous to the cause of library planning is the professor's library creed. He believes that the future will reveal needs which we cannot now know. He concludes from this belief that we must order everything and keep

everything since someone some day may need it. He is right in his belief that the future will hold needs which we do not now envisage, but he is wrong in his conclusions.

I know of no set of academic dogmas that are more dangerous to the progress of institutions of higher learning than this negative faith of the professor with regard to planning the future of the library. It is time for it to be destroyed, and I believe that it can now finally be exploded. The professor will not take this attitude in regard to the development of his own department. He will not take this attitude in regard to the development of the curriculum. He does not say that we should keep the courses we taught 10 years ago because 10 years in the future we may need to have a course which we taught 10 years ago.

One of my friends recently told me with considerable pride that his library would soon have more volumes than any other university library in his region. He said, "We will no longer have to say 'we are next to the biggest library,' we will be the biggest."

The elimination of institutional competition in this area is in my judgment essential to the improvement of college and university libraries. The dream university of the future will possess or participate in four libraries. Of course this is my dream library - I am frank to confess you might have one with six. I am willing to settle for four.

The first would be a college or general education library, housed in a building designed for that purpose, and containing, I would say, not more than 50,000 volumes. I assume that the college has from 1000 to 5000 students. But if it has 20,000 it will not need four times 50,000 volumes. The volume needs of the general college library are relatively small and the way that colleges point with pride to tremendous numbers of volumes in their book collections fails to recognize the facts of life.

The second library in a university would be a research library, housed in

a building designed for the purpose, one in which the individual graduate student or professor is emancipated into the stacks, but controlled scrupulously at the exit. Such a library can have a fixed number of volumes forever. It should be the current research library. It should have in it the volumes that are essential to the pursuit of research in the decade in which it is operating. It should not try to contain the reserves for the future, nor to perpetuate the catastrophes of the past. Since no one knows exactly how to establish the size of a fixed ceiling research library, I tentatively suggest 1,000,000 volumes because that is large enough to sound big and impressive, but not too large, I think, to be housed in a building that will not dwarf the other monuments on the campus.

This will end forever this rat race of constantly building additional wings and maintaining everything as if every book in the library were going to be called for tomorrow and had to be delivered to a professor within 10 minutes. I recognize, of course, that the professor wants the book the second he thinks of it. But does that establish any right or obligation upon the library to deliver it to him with that speed? Older civilizations as cultured as ours have survived the delay of half a day in the delivery of a book to the learned world.

This second library, the research library, the active research library of the university would house the books that are needed at a specific time. It would be a very active library. It would be a library for use. It would not keep the vestigial remains of either the teaching or the research interests of bygone days.

The third library would not necessarily be on the campus. It would be a regional library - a libraries' library. And this library would store; it would help to distribute; it would help to develop the research library resources of the entire region. It would hold for our common use the one copy only for the region. And it would hold also the little-used items that once in twenty-

five years are looked at again in vain hope by some embryonic research worker who is misled by an attractive title. It would increase our knowledge of each other's holdings and would try to lead us into planning for the good of our region.

Such a library is envisaged in the embryonic midwest inter-library center. The Carnegie Corporation of New York voted a gift of half a million dollars to this center, and an additional quarter of a million if the latter sum could be matched.

The difficulties in the way of establishing effective cooperation throughout a region, with particular emphasis upon research, are great. But most of the difficulties are in our minds. They are our feats of one another, our distrust of each other, our pride in the dimensions of our own activity, and our general lethargy and timidity when confronted with the responsibility of creating something new.

The fourth library has not yet been planned, but it is inevitable. The first regional library will be followed by others. These regional libraries must be related to national and international programs. Through some national institution, preferably the Library of Congress, the work of the individual regional libraries can be correlated. Moreover, we need some single channel and program for effective relationships with the outside world.

Let us assume that in a particular region individual libraries have parts of some important scholarly serial in duplicate. If turned over to the regional library, these parts might well become a complete set. With the complete set as a bargaining resource, the regional library could secure from abroad more valuable titles for its own region than the individual libraries could secure with their fragmentary sets.

Or, let us assume that the Library of Congress must decide how many duplicate sets of important foreign publications to import. A Library of Congress

related to a network of regional libraries could make these decisions rapidly and effectively.

When these bright days come, the work of the librarian and the administrator will change its nature. The college president and librarian can abandon the effort to outdistance their competitors in size. Instead they will devote their efforts to the improvement of quality and to the maintenance of a library that is truly contemporary.

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STUDY CARRELS

The Library now has a total of twenty-seven carrels for the use of faculty and graduate students, for study and research. They have not been assigned specifically to individuals but are, rather, available to all who desire a quiet nook for either an hour or two a day, or for continuous day-long study.

There are always some vacant carrels each period of the day. Any faculty member or graduate student is free to avail himself of the periodic or continuous use of these study carrels without any restrictions at present, and may retain study materials on the carrel shelf provided for the purpose.

In order to obtain maximum use, the Library is urging the faculty to encourage their graduate students to utilize the carrels for study rather than the main reading room in order to relieve the seating congestion there.

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- The World at Work, an interestingly compiled booklet, gives in 152 pages very lucid information on the specialized agencies of the United Nations. Those who wish to be better informed can secure the booklet for fifty cents from the Rotary International, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Illinois.

- A new sort of book club has been periodically sending out lists to its members, who may choose a new (to them) book in exchange for one of their own predominantly popular fiction. For information about membership write Book Swap Club, 509 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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USE OF UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO THESES

Between July 15, 1948 and November 15, 1949, a total of 40 theses were loaned to 27 out-of-state institutions or agencies as follows:

Institution	Number of Theses borrowed
- Ashland College (Ohio)	1
- Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music	1
- Birmingham Public Library (Alabama)	2
- Colorado State College of Education	4
- Cornell University	1
- DuPont De Nemours & Co.	2
- George Peabody College	1
- Illinois State Normal University	1
- Indiana University	1
- Iowa State College	1
- Kansas State Teachers College	2
- Marquette University	1
- Meredith High School (N. H.)	1
- Northwestern University	2
- Passaic Public Library (N. J.)	1
- Pennsylvania State College	1
- Stanford University	2
- State Teachers College, Montgomery (Alabama)	1
- State University of Iowa	2
- U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library	1
- University of Kansas	2
- University of Oklahoma	1
- University of Oregon	1
- University of Southern California	1
- University of Texas	2
- University of Utah	2
- Western State College (Colorado)	1

Broken down these forty theses covered the following subjects:

Subject	Number of Theses
- Agricultural Engineering	1
- Business Administration	1
- Chemical Engineering	4
- Education	19
- Home Economics	1
- Music	13
- Political Science	1

BEHIND THE STACKS

- THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH, to be published by the Louisiana State University Press in 10 volumes, has been ordered. The work is edited by W. H. Stevenson and E. M. Coulter. Three volumes: (V. 1) The Southern Colonies In the Seventeenth Century, by F. W. Craven: (V. 5) The Development of Southern Sectionalism, by C. S. Sydnor; (V. 8) The South During Reconstruction, by E. M. Coulter, have been published to date and been received by the Library.

- THE NOMENCLATOR ZOOLOGICUS, a list of the names of the genera and subgenera in zoology from the 10th edition of Linnaeus to the end of 1935, has been purchased. Edited by Sheffield A. Neave, Assistant director of the Imperial Institute of Entomology, the work consists of four volumes totaling 3800 pages.

- ELSEVIER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, series III, Carboicyclic condensed compounds, is a new reference work in science. Published in Amsterdam, 1940-48, the series is contained in four volumes costing $225.00. A standing order has been placed for future series of this work. When completed the encyclopedia will comprise four series and an index at a total cost to the Library of $2,200.

- The Library is now subscribing to the JOURNAL OF THE KANSAS ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY commencing with Volume 22, 1949. Previous volumes will be purchased whenever a set becomes available.

- THE EDUCATIONAL FILM GUIDE, 1946-49 and the FILMSTRIP GUIDE, 1948-49 are new Serial subscriptions being taken by the Library.

- CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, two new reprints in the series, have been given the library by the Carnegie Endowment. The classics are supplied to research libraries by gift. The latest titles to come to the University of Idaho library are:

Bynkershoek, Cornelius van: DO FORO LEGATORUM. A monograph jurisdiction over ambassadors. Translation by Gordon J. Laing.

Suarez, Francisco: SELECTIONS FROM THREE WORKS, translated by G. L. Williams, Ammi Brown and John Waldron. Suarez is of special interest by reason of the claim that he is the father of democratic theory. The following brief quotation illustrates claim. (Suarez lived 1548-1617)

"...civil power, whenever it resides--in the right and ordinary course of law--in the person of one individual, or prince, has flowed from the people as a community, either directly or indirectly; nor could it otherwise be justly held....A reason for this view, supplied by what we have said above, is the fact that such power, in the nature of things, resides immediately in the community; and therefore, in order that it may justly come to reside in a given individual, as in a sovereign prince, it must necessarily be bestowed upon him by the consent of the community." (Vol. 2, p. 383-4)

CLOSING THE GAPS

European Scientific Periodical Sets

During the war the export of periodicals from the usual sources in western Europe was largely cut off. The Germans, naturally did not wish their scientific periodicals circulated in the countries of their enemies, but agents of our government in Switzerland secured copies (one of each issue was enough) and sent them by air to this country. Here they were reproduced by photographic printing and sent to the libraries subscribing to them. Consequently libraries maintaining files of the German scientific periodicals came to the end of the war with files complete.

Since that date, difficulties of publication and transmission have rendered the securing of the same titles much more difficult than in wartime. As to the countries occupied by the Germans, it was usually impossible for the publications to be delivered, and many periodicals ceased publication during the war. The general disorganization of the post-war period slowed the resumption of publication. Many periodical files therefore, have extensive gaps. By the first of the present year, conditions seemed to favor resumption of the subscriptions and the filling of the wartime and post-war gaps.

The following have been subscribed to, and orders have been issued for the missing back files. Two years or more may be required to secure all the numbers now lacking. Over $1600.00 will be necessary to bring these files up to date.

- Academie des Sciences, Paris. Comptes rendus
- Annalen der Physik
- Biochemische Zeitschrift
- Chemische Berichte
- Helvetica Chemica acta
- Hoppe-Seylers Zeitschrift für physikalische chemie
- Justus Liebigs Annalen der chemie
- Kolloid Zeitschrift
- Physikalische Zeitschrift
- Phytopathologische Zeitschrift
- Recueil des Traveux Chemiques des Pays-bas et de la Belgique
- Societe Chemique de Frence. Bulletin.
- Zeitschrift für Physik

With the cooperation of the College of Agriculture, the library was able to secure the following sets of entomological journals:

- Linnaea Entomologica, v. 1-16, 1850-1866	100.00
- Revista de Entomologia, v. 1-19	90.00

Cumulative Indexes have been received or ordered, as follows:

- Botanical Review, 1940-44; author and subject index
- Journal of Nutrition, v. 16-36 inclusive
- Journal of Physiology, Index to v. 61-100
- Quarterly Journal of Speech, cumulative table of contents, 1915-1948

Also purchased recently were:

- Revue Historique, v. 44-55 45.00
- Journal of Organic Chemistry, v. 1 6.00
- Bulletin of Brooklyn Entomological Society, old series v. 1-7; new series v. 8-15 31.00

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AMERICA IN SERIES

The University Library already has all titles listed below except those marked with an asterisk which are currently on order. Each series has list of titles with call numbers under the series title in the card catalog. - Editor

AMERICAN FOLKWAYS, Ed. By Erskine Caldwell

Day, Donald - BIG COUNTRY: TEXAS
Thomas, Jean - BLUE RIDGE COUNTRY
Croy, Homer - CORN COUNTRY
Kane, H. T. - DEEP DELTA COUNTRY
Corle, Edwin - DESERT COUNTRY
Williamson, Thames - FAR NORTH COUNTRY
Atherton, G. F. - GOLDEN GATE COUNTRY
Thane, Eric - HIGH BORDER COUNTRY
Nixon, H. C. - LOWER PIEDMONT COUNTRY
Stegner, Wallace - MORMON COUNTRY
Graham, Lloyd - NIAGARA COUNTRY
Le Sueur, Meridel - NORTH STAR COUNTRY
Rayburn, Otto Ernest - OZARK COUNTRY
Kennedy, Stetson - PALMETTO COUNTRY
Long, Haniel - PINON COUNTRY
Powers, Alfred - REDWOOD COUNTRY
Vestal, Stanley - SHORT GRASS COUNTRY
McWilliams, Carey - SOUTHERN CALIF. COUNTRY
Webster, C. M. - TOWN MEETING COUNTRY

THE AMERICAN LAKES SERIES, Ed. By Milo M. Quaife

Landon, Fred - LAKE HURON
*Nute, Grace Lee - LAKE SUPERIOR
Quaife, Milo M. - LAKE MICHIGAN
Pound, Arthur - LAKE ONTARIO
Hatcher, Harlan - LAKE ERIE
Roberts, W. Adolphe, - LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN
Van de Water, F. F. - LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND LAKE GEORGE
*Morgan, Dale - THE GREAT SALT LAKE
Hanna, A. J. - LAKE OKEECHOBEE
Hinkle, George H, - SIERRA-NEVADA LAKES

MOUNTAINS OF AMERICA, Ed. by R. Peattie

* THE CASCADES: Mountains of the Pacific Northwest
* THE INVERTED MOUNTAINS: Canyons of the West
THE BERKSHIRES: The Purple Hills
THE SIERRA NEVADA: The Range of Light
THE PACIFIC COAST RANGES
* THE GREAT SMOKIES AND THE BLUE RIDGE: The Story of the Southern Appalachians
THE FRIENDLY MOUNTAINS: Green, White, and Adirondacks
THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

AMERICAN RIVERS, Ed. By Stephen Vincent Benet and Carl Carmer

Way, Jr., Frederick - THE ALLEGHENY
Davis, Clyde Brion - THE ARKANSAS
Canby, H. S. - THE BRANDYWINE
Minter, John Easter - THE CHAGRES

Tourtellot, Arthur B. - THE CHARLES
Hansen, Harry - THE CHICAGO
Waters, Frank - THE COLORADO
Hard, Walter - THE CONNECTICUT
*Wildes, Harry E. - THE DELAWARE
Douglas, Marjory S. - THE EVERGLADES
Smith, Chard P. - THE HOUSATONIC
Carmer, Carl - THE HUDSON
Morgan, Dale L. - THE HUMBOLDT
Gray, James - THE ILLINOIS
Niles, Blair - THE JAMES
Streeter, Floyd B. - THE KAW
Coffin, Robert P. T. - KENNEBEC
Clark, T. D. - THE KENTUCKY
Carter, Hodding - LOWER MISSISSIPPI
Roberts, Leslie - THE MACKENZIE
Vestal, Stanley - THE MISSOURI
Hislop, Codman - THE MOHAWK
Banta, R. E. - THE OHIO
*Gutheim, Frederick - THE POTOMAC
Burt, Struthers - POWDER RIVER
Footner, Hulbert - RIVERS OF THE EASTERN SHORE
Dana, Julian - THE SACRAMENTO
Cabell - THE ST. JOHNS
Beston, Henry - THE ST. LAWRENCE
Fisher, Anne B. - THE SALINAS
Masters, Edgar Lee - THE SANGAMON
Davis, Julia - THE SHENANDOAH
Matschatt, Cecile Hulse - SUWANNEE RIVER
Davidson, Donald - THE TENNESSEE (2 vols.)
Wildes, Harry E. - TWIN RIVERS
Havighurst, Walter - UPPER MISSISSIPPI
Wilson, William E. - THE WABASH
*Hill, Ralph Nading - THE WINOOSKI
Derleth, August - THE WISCONSIN

INVITATION TO TRAVEL, Ed. by Lowell Grentano and Ralph Hancock

Beals, Carleton - THE LONG LAND: CHILE
Hancock, Ralph - THE RAINBOW REPUBLICS
*Hancock, Ralph - THE MAGIC LAND: MEXICO
Harding, Bertita - SOUTHERN EMPIRE: BRAZIL
Roberts, W. A. - LANDS OF THE INNER SEA: THE WEST INDIES AND BERMUDA
Russell, William - THE BOLIVAR COUNTRIES: COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, VENEZUELA
De Sherbinin, Betty - THE RIVER PLATE REPUBLICS: ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY
Ybarra, T. R. - LANDS OF THE ANDES: PERU AND BOLIVIA

AMERICAN MEN OF LETTERS, Ed. by Joseph Wood Krutch, and others

Krutch, J. W. - HENRY DAVID THOREAU
Neff, Emery - EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON
Van Doren, Mark - NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE
*Miller, Perry - JONATHAN EDWARDS
*Grossman, Jones, JAMES FENIMORE COOPER
*Belfrage, Cedric - STEPHEN CRANE

STATE HISTORIES, Ed. by Carl Wittke

*Caughey, J. W. - CALIFORNIA
*Fritz, P. S. - COLORADO
*Kuykendall, R. S. - HAWAII
*Clark, T. D. - KENTUCKY
*Roseboom, E. H. - HISTORY OF OHIO
*Dale, E. E. - HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA
Dunaway, W. F. - HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA
*Quaife, M. M. - MICHIGAN, FROM PRIMITIVE WILDERNESS TO INDUSTRIAL COMMONWEALTH
*Richardson, R. N. - TEXAS, THE LONE STAR STATE
*Ambler, C. H. - WEST VIRGINIA, THE MOUNTAIN STATE
*Raney, W. F. - WISCONSIN: THE STORY OF PROGRESS

OCEANS OF THE WORLD

Riesenberg, Felix - THE PACIFIC OCEAN
Owen, Russell - THE ANTARCTIC OCEAN

AMERICAN TRAILS, Ed. by Jay Monaghan

Monaghan, Jay - THE OVERLAND TRAIL
*Kincaid, Robert L. - THE WILDERNESS ROAD
*Jordan, P. D. - THE NATIONAL ROAD
*Coffin, R. P. T. - THE CONNECTICUT PATH

PEOPLES OF AMERICA, Ed. by Louis Adamic

Smith, Bradford, AMERICANS FROM JAPAN
Mulder, Arnold - AMERICANS FROM HOLLAND
*Hedin, Naboth - AMERICANS FROM SWEDEN
*McNickle, D'Arcy - THEY CAME HERE FIRST
*Johnson, G. W. - OUR ENGLISH HERITAGE
*McWilliams, Carey - NORTH FROM MEXICO
*Lengyel, Emil - AMERICANS FROM HUNGARY

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THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS OF 1924-44*

Prepared for Life Magazine with the advise of Dr. Henry Seidel Canby, noted American editor, critic and author. Dr. Canby is one of the founders of the Saturday Review of Literature.

ADAMS, JAMES T. . . . . The Epic of America
ALLEN, HERVEY . . . . . Anthony Adverse
ANDERSON, SHERWOOD . . Dark Laughter
ASCH, SHOLEM . . . . . The Apostle
AUDEN, W. H. . . . . Poems
BEARD, C. A. . . . . The Republic
BEERS, THOMAS . . . . . The Mauve Decade
BENET, STEPHEN . . . . John Brown's Body
BOYD, JAMES . . . . . Drums
BROOKS, VAN WYCK . . . The Flowering of New England, 1815-1865
BUCK, PEARL . . . . . Dragon Seed
BUCK, PEARL . . . . . The Good Earth
BURNHAM, JAMES . . . . The Managerial Revolution
CALDWELL, ERSKINE . . Tobacco Road
CATHER, WILLA . . . . . Death Comes for the Archbishop
CATHER, WILLA . . . . . Shadow on the Rock
CHURCHILL, WINSTON . . Blood, Sweat and Tears
DAVENPORT, MARCIA . . . The Valley of Decision
DAY, CLARENCE . . . . . Life With Father
DEWEY, JOHN . . . . . Logic
DOS PASSOS, JOHN . . . U.S.A.
DREISER, THEODORE . . An American Tragedy
ELIOT, T. S. . . . . Four Quarters
FARRELL, JAMES T. . . . Studs Lonigan
FAULKNER, WILLIAM . . Sanctuary
FERBER, EDNA . . . . . Showboat
FITZGERALD, F. SCOTT . The Great Gatsby
FORSTER, E. M. . . . . A Passage to India
FREEMAN, DOUGLAS S. . . R. E. Lee
FROST, ROBERT . . . . . Poems
GALSWORTHY, JOHN . . . Swan Song
GLASGOW, ELLEN . . . . Barren Ground
GUNTHER, JOHN . . . . . Inside Europe
HELLMAN, LILLIAN . . . Plays

HEMINGWAY, ERNEST . . A Farewell to Arms
HEMINGWAY, ERNEST . . For Whom the Bell Tolls
HILTON, JAMES . . . . . Goodbye, Mr. Chips
HITLER, ADOLPH . . . Mein Kampf
HOGBEN, L. T. . . . . Mathematics for the Million
HOUSMAN, A. E. . . . The Collected Poems
JOYCE, JAMES . . . . . Finnegans Wake
JEFFERS, ROBINSON . . Roan Stallion
KOESTLER, ARTHUR . . . Darkness at Noon
LARDNER, RING . . . . . Round Up
LAWRENCE, D. H. . . . The Plumed Serpent
LAWRENCE, T. E. . . . Sewen Pillars of Wisdom
LEWIS, SINCLAIR . . . Dodsworth
LEWIS, SINCLAIR . . . Arrowsmith
LINDSAY, VACHEL . . . Every Soul is a Circus
LLEWELLYN, RICHARD . . How Green Was My Valley
LIPPMAN, WALTER . . . A Preface to Morals
MANN, THOMAS . . . . . The Magic Mountain
MANN, THOMAS . . . . . Joseph the Provider
MARQUAND, JOHN P. . . H. M. Pulhman, Esquire
MILLAY, E. ST. VINCENT . Wine From These Grapes
MILNE, A. A. . . . . When We Were Very Young
MITCHELL, MARGARET . . Gone With the Wind
MORISON, S. E. . . . Admiral of the Ocean Sea
NATHAN, ROBERT . . . One More Sprint
NORDHOFF AND HALL . . Mutiny on the Bounty
ODETS, CLIFFORD . . . Plays
O'NEILL, EUGENE . . . Strange Interlude
PORTER, KATHERINE A. . Flowering Judas
PRIESTLY, J. B. . . . The Good Companions
PROUST, MARCEL . . . Remembrance of Things Past
RAWLINGS, MARJORIE . . The Yearling
REMARQUE, ERICH . . . All Quiet on the Western Front
RICHTER, CONRAD . . . The Sea of Grass
ROBERTS, ELIZABETH M. . The Time of Man
ROBERTS, KENNETH . . . Northwest Passage
ROBINSON, E. A. . . . Tristram
SINCLAIR, UPTON . . . Dragon's Teeth
SAINT-EXUPERY . . . . . Wind, Sand and Stars
SAROYAN, WILLIAM . . . The Human Comedy
SMITH, BETTY . . . . . A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
SMITH, LILLIAN . . . Strange Fruit
STEINBECK, JOHN . . . Of Mice and Men
STEINBECK, JOHN . . . The Grapes of Wrath
SANTAYANA, GEORGE . . The Last Puritan
SALTEN, FELIX . . . . , Bambi
"SAKI" . . . . . Short Stories
SANDBERG, CARL . . . Abraham Lincoln
SPENDER, STEPHEN . . . Poems
STUART, JESSE . . . . Man with a Bull-tongue Plow
TARKINGTON, BOOTH . . Kate Fennigate
TOMLINSON, H. M. . . . Gallion's Reach
UNDSET, SIGRID . . . Kristin Lavransdatter
VAN LOON, H. W. . . . Lives
WELLES, SUMNER . . . The Time of Decision
WERFEL, FRANZ . . . . The Song of Bernadette

WEST, REBECCA . . . . . Black Lamb and Gray Falcon
WESTCOTT, GLENWAY . . The Grandmothers
WHARTON, EDITH . . . The Old Maid
WILDER, THORNTON . . . The Bridge of San Luis Rey
WOLFE, THOMAS . . . . . Of Time and the River
WOOLF, VIRGINIA . . . Mrs. Dalloway
WRIGHT, RICHARD . . . Native Son
WYLIE, ELINOR . . . . . Last Poems
YOUNG, STARK . . . . . So Red the Rose
ZWEIG, ARNOLD . . . . . The Case of Sergeant Grischa

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EQUATION OF PERSONAL TASTE...

If any one finds that he never reads serious literature, if all his reading is frothy and trashy, he would do well to try to train himself to like books that the general agreement of cultivated and soundthinking persons has placed among the classics. It is as discreditable to the mind to be unfit for sustained mental effort as it is to the body of a young man to be unfit for a sustained physical effort. Let man or woman, young man or girl, read some good author, say Gibbon or Macaulay, until sustained mental effort brings power to enjoy the books worth enjoying. When this has been achieved the man can soon trust himself to pick out for himself the particular good books which appeal to him.

The equation of personal taste is as powerful in reading as in eating; and within certain broad limits the matter is merely one of individual preference, having nothing to do with the quality either of the book or of the reader's mind. A man with a real fondness for books of various kinds will find that his varying moods determine which of these books he at the moment needs. On the afternoon when Stevenson represents the luxury of enjoyment it may be safely assumed that Gibbon will not. The mood that is met by Napier's Peninsular War, or Marbot's Memoirs, will certainly not be met by Hawthorne or Jane Austen, Parkman's Montcalm and Wolfe, Motley's History of the Dutch Republic, will hardly fill the soul on a day when one turns naturally to the Heimskringla; and there is a sense of disconnection if after the Heimskringla one takes up the Oxford Book of French Verse.

Another matter which within certain wide limits each reader must settle for himself is the dividing line between (1) not knowing anything about current books, and (2) swamping one's soul in the sea of vapidity which overwhelms him who reads only "the last new books." To me the heading employed by some reviewers when they speak of "books of the week" comprehensively damns both the books themselves and the reviewer who is willing to notice them. I would much rather see the heading "books of the year before last." A book of the year before last which is still worth noticing would probably be worth reading; but one only entitled to be called a book of the week had better be tossed into the waste-basket at once. - Theodore Roosevelt. From A Book-Lover's Holidays in the Open. Scribner, 1916.

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